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SUBJECT: JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION TO ABCC

1. OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP ECONCOM DISCUSSION BETWEEN SECSTATE AND FONMIN OHIRA ON SUBJECT JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION TO ABCC DID NOT ARISE AT SECSTATE LEVEL DURING TANAKA VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER AND COUNTRY DIRECTOR ERICSON EACH RAISED SUBJECT WITH AMERICAN BUREAU DIRECTOR OKAWARA AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS SECTION CHIEF FUKADA. ACCOUNTS WERE ESSENTIALLY IN AGREEMENT, BUT FUKADA PROVIDED GREATER DETAIL.

2. FUKADA SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER TANAKA HAD INSTRUCTED GOJ AGENCIES CONCERNED TO WORK OUT JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION TO ABCC, INCLUDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PRESENT PERSONNEL DURING CURRENT US FISCAL YEAR, IN MANNER THAT WOULD MEET US REQUIREMENTS. GOJ THEREFORE NOW PLANNING TO SEEK A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF SLIGHTLY LESS THAN \$4 MILLION FOR SUPPORT OF ABCC DURING JAPANESE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL \$, 1974. WHATEVER SUM EVENTUALLY APPROPRIATED WOULD INCLUDE \$L.2 MILLION REQUESTED BY US

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FOR PERSONNEL EXPENSES FOR FINAL QUARTER US FY '74.

3. FUKADA CONTINUED THAT GOJ CANNOT GIVE ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE THAT FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL 1, BUT IT IS CLEAR INTENTION OF TANAKA GOVERNMENT, SO LONG AS IT REMAINS IN POWER AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS ABLE TO OBTAIN DIET APPROVAL OF ITS OVERALL BUDGET FOR JF '74 TO PROVIDE THESE FUNDS. GOJ RECOGNIZES SOME POSSIBILITY DIET WILL NOT APPROVE BUDGET BY NORMAL MARCH 30 DEADLINE, BUT THIS HAS BEEN CASE ONLY RARELY IN THE PAST. GOJ IS WILLING, OF COURSE, TO MAKE EFFORT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO ABCC, INCLUDING GOAL OF REACHING FUNDING PARITY WITH US WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT GOJ WILL ALSO HAVE EQUAL SHARE OF PROGRAM DIRECTION AND SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES. GOJ WILL BE WILLING TO CONFIRM ABOVE UNDERSTANDINGS AND TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

4. SUGGEST EMBASSY CONFIRM FOREGOING WITH FONMIN ON RETURN TANAKA PARTY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROCEDURE FOR EARLY CONSULTATION ON HOW TO HANDLE QUESTION OF FUTURE FUNDING AND PROGRAM DIRECTION.
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